

SENATE BILL 362  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to requirements for registering a motor vehicle in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-134.

(a) An individual applying for registration or renewal of registration for a motor vehicle shall not be issued registration plates unless the applicant possesses a valid driver license at the time such application is made. If the vehicle is owned jointly and one of the owners does not possess a valid driver license at the time such application is made, the registration plates shall be issued only to the owner who possesses a valid driver license.

(b) For the purpose of this section, "valid driver license" includes any license, not currently under suspension, revocation or cancellation, and issued by the state or issued to a member of the United States military.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101(e), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(2) A temporary permit shall be issued only to a person who possesses a valid driver license at the time of the application for registration. For the purposes of this subdivision, "valid driver license" includes any driver license, not currently under suspension, revocation or cancellation, and issued by the state or issued to a member of the United States military.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105(f), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

Provided, however, the county clerk shall be required to verify whether the applicant possesses a valid driver license for issuance of registration plates as required by § 55-4-134.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.